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The Honorable Richard G. Lugar
Chairman
Committee on Foreign Relations
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

This is in response to your letter of 18 August 1986 concerning an amendment, offered by Senator Roth, to the Defense Authorization Bill (S. 2638) amending the Foreign Missions Act. In substance, this amendment requires the Secretary of State to impose the same foreign mission restrictions on personnel of Eastern Bloc and Cuban Embassies in this country as are imposed on personnel of the Soviet Embassy here. Thus, the foreign missions controls on personnel from all these embassies would be uniform. You have asked whether such a measure would have adverse consequences for U.S. intelligence.

From a purely intelligence perspective, there are valid and competing arguments on both sides of the issue. However, since diplomatic reciprocity is predominantly a question of foreign relations, I must defer to the views of the Secretary of State with respect to this bill.

Sincerely,

/s/ William J. Casey

William J. Casey
Director of Central Intelligence

The Honorable Richard G. Lugar

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